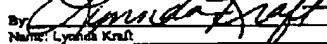


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 3, 2004, said period of response being extended from August 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 15, 18 and 34-47 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004.

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Also enclosed is a Petition for three-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from August 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004.

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